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1. The manufacture of tubes at the Werk fuer Fernmeldewesen HF is being disrupted because of irregular deliveries of fine wire, which for some time has been furnished by the Berliner Gluehlampenwerk (formerly Osram). About 7,000 workers are employed in tube production, which is the most important function of the plant. Because of the shortages of wire and tube bases (sockel), whole production series have been interrupted.

2. The HF plant has also encountered difficulties in marketing its tubes. HF warehouses are full, mainly because the USSR no longer accepts as many tubes as formerly. The HF plant is now attempting to find new markets for its products in East Germany and other Soviet satellites, but as of July 1953 a satisfactory number of tubes could not be marketed.

3. The HLF-Werk, which is a part of the HF plant, is engaged chiefly in the development of electrical measurement instruments.

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